

BITTING NOW U. S. OFFICIAL WITHOUT PAY

Will Assist District Attorney
Until Word Comes Regard-
ing Regular Man

"Clear for action!" shouted Horace W. Vaughan, "skipper" of the good ship "U. S. District Attorney's Office," today.

"Aye, aye, sir," jovially responded "First Mate" C. C. Bitting, biting the end off a Manila cigar, and shedding his "slicer."

A door slammed. A Hawaiian woman, who had requested information, was dismissed and the work of the federal prosecutor's office under the new regime began. Smooth sailing for the new officials is predicted by about every member of the local legal fraternity.

Up to press time today nothing had been heard from Attorney-General Gregory as to whether Mr. Bitting shall be appointed acting assistant to District Attorney Vaughan. Mr. Bitting was "on the job" bright and early this morning, however. Until he is regularly appointed, or until someone else is named, he will act as Mr. Vaughan's assistant, without pay, as he explained it.

Expecting Busy Few Weeks.
"We are going to be mighty busy in this office for the next few weeks," Mr. Vaughan said, "and I am certainly indebted to Mr. Bitting for his generous assistance. We are going to clean up the calendar in remarkable short order, and within a short time we expect to have the business of this office running like clock-work."

Mr. Vaughan explained that a large number of the petty statutory cases which accumulated under Jeff McCann's incumbency, some of which have been waiting for months to get to trial, may be nolle prossed; that is, thrown out of court. Similar cases in which there have been more gross violations of the law will, of course, be prosecuted, the district attorney added. The large number of opium cases which have been pending for several months are to be disposed of in short order, either by trial or otherwise. Want Kuhl's Bill Amended.

That prompt action may be taken to revise the text of a bill introduced in the house by Delegate Kuhl on December 6, relating to the payment of salaries to U. S. judges after they have resigned, is the belief of Federal Judge C. F. Clemons and Hon. Sanford D. Dole, former federal judge. This bill provides that judges in Hawaii, as well as judges on the mainland, who are more than 70 years old and who have served more than 10 years, receive full pay for the rest of their lives after they "resign."

According to Judge Clemons, "resign," as used in the text of the bill, is the language of a previous statute. He is of the opinion that the bill is not happily drafted, in that Revised Statutes, section 714, was repealed by the judicial code, section 297, but re-enacted in the judicial code in section 297, and it is the latter which is being amended by the delegate's bill and not section 714 of the Revised Statutes.

It is believed that the phrase "when his term of office expires," or something similar, will be inserted in Kuhl's bill to take the place of the phrase "resigns his office."

SEE BLAISDELL IN SPEED TEST AT CLUB LUNCH

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been given Christmas dinners by the Ad Club. President Farrington announced that the next luncheon would be Y. M. C. A. Day, and the week following the members would receive the Spokane and Denver contingent.

STREET RAILWAY SUIT MAY CLOSE THIS AFTERNOON

Transcript of Testimony Cov-
ers More Than 2000 Pages
of Typewriting

It was expected that argument in the injunction suit brought by the territory against the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company, which was begun in Circuit Judge Stuart's court yesterday, would be completed this afternoon.

Walter F. Frear, one of counsel for the Rapid Transit, continued his argument this morning, taking up particularly the subject of depreciation of the units of the company's plant. The argument for the company was to be completed, it was expected, early this afternoon, when the attorney-general and Attorney C. H. Olson would reply for the territory and close the argument.

These arguments will be supplemented by briefs on questions of law and fact, after which Judge Stuart will take the case under advisement. It is expected that no decision will be given for the next two or three weeks, as the transcribed testimony by the court reporters covers more than 2000 typewritten pages.

NOT TO PRESENT MOORE CASE TO JURYMEN TODAY

Any further action contemplated by the city and county attorney's office in the case of Miss Dorothy Spring, a tourist, and Dr. John C. Peden, a physician at the Queen's hospital, who are under indictment on a charge of failing to assist a person injured by an automobile, was not to be taken at a meeting of the territorial grand jury this afternoon.

This is according to A. M. Cristy, deputy city attorney, who has the case under investigation. Mr. Cristy said today that he is working on the case, and that he expected to attend the coroner's inquest on the death of Mrs. Mary F. Moore, who died at the Queen's hospital last Monday night from injuries received from being struck by an automobile in which Miss Spring and Doctor Peden were riding, with Miss Spring at the wheel.

When the coroner's jury returns its verdict, Cristy says, he intends to either go further in the matter or else drop any contemplated proceedings.

Reports that the city attorney's office will take the case once more before the grand jury for an investigation which might result in the return of indictments charging the defendants with manslaughter have not yet been definitely confirmed.

Eight or more witnesses were summoned to appear at the sheriff's office at 2 o'clock this afternoon and give testimony regarding the accident. Among those to testify were Miss Spring and Dr. John C. Peden, Charles Gulick, whose car was passing at the time; W. T. Rawlins and Dr. W. L. Patterson, passengers in Gulick's car; Dr. Ayers and Dr. Murray, who attended Mrs. Moore, were other witnesses.

Miss Spring, who is only 17 years old, says she was blinded by the lights of Gulick's machine and did not know that she had driven into Mrs. Moore, and Dr. Peden also claims that neither he nor Miss Spring knew they had struck the woman until they were arrested at the top of the Palisade hour later.

Gulick says his lights were dimmed and that he does not see how they could have blinded Miss Spring. Occupants of Gulick's automobile say they called to Miss Spring and Dr. Peden that they had struck the woman, but could not stop them.

JUDGE MONSARRAT IS AUTHOR OF BLUE BOOK

"The Autoists' Blue Book" is the title of a compact, neat book, let just from the press, of which Judge J. M. Monsarrat, attorney, author, is the author. Automobile owners and attorneys who have read the book agree that it will be of great value. Judge Monsarrat has combined in the book the gist of all laws relating to automobile traffic, speed limits and districts where speed limits vary, and crossing laws. Many long ordinances have been abridged and recent construction of ordinances by the courts is embodied in the work. Judge Monsarrat has taken pains to make the laws relating to automobile traffic clear to the reader and has carefully explained crossing signals and rules. The book will be placed on sale in a few days.

BUSY MAILING TWO THOUSAND INVITATIONS

Members of Y. W. C. A. Devote
All Their Time to Preparations
for Opening Week

Persons about the city who have promised ferns and potted plants as gifts to the new Young Women's Christian Association building, or those who wish to make such gifts and have not yet sent in their names, are requested to bring the plants either tomorrow or Friday.

Miss Cora Varney of the Y. W. C. A. staff said today that she will appreciate having the gifts brought to the building if possible, but that in instances where gifts cannot bring them a wagon will be sent out.

Down at the present headquarters of the association over the Castle & Cooke offices nearly a dozen young women were busy this morning getting out the 2000 invitations that will welcome Honolulu people to the opening week exercises.

Miss Helen M. A. Taylor, a member of the national Y. W. C. A. board, and also of the board in Cincinnati, Ohio, her home town, will make the dedicatory address at the first exercises on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Work seems hereditary.

"Association work sort of runs in our family, I guess," laughed Miss Taylor this morning. "My grandmother was an association worker, my mother has been in it for 25 years, and I started in when I was young."

Miss Taylor's mother is with her here, the two having just completed a tour through India, China and Japan. They will leave for the mainland on the Nippon Maru, which is due here next Wednesday. During the 25 years' work in the Cincinnati association Mrs. Taylor was volunteer treasurer for 18 years.

Programs of the big opening exercises to be held at 3:30 on Sunday afternoon are as follows:

Hymn—The Church's One Foundation.
Psalm 103—Rev. Canon Ault.
Hymn—Lord of the Harvest.
Prayer—Pastor D. C. Peters.
Hymn—God is Working His Purpose.
Dedicatory Address—Miss Helen M. A. Taylor.
Responsive Service of Dedication—Mrs. W. F. Frear.
Hymn of Dedication.
Prayer of Dedication—Dr. Doremus Seudder.
Hymn—Lead on, O Eternal King.
Benediction—L. L. Loofbrouw.
Silent Prayer.
Amen.

SLIDE ALMOST SWAMPED CITY WITH BANANAS

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led again under the wet weather, and is presenting almost as much of a problem as it did a month ago when large portions of it had to be taken out and filled in with asphalt macadam.

Waikalu bridge over Nuuanu stream on School street, one of the city's concrete structures, was cracked during the storm when the water washed away the soil from part of its foundation.

Low places about the city are still standing in water, which will disappear with a few days of clear weather. Makee island in Kapiolani park, was swept by high water yesterday, and the sea along Waikiki beach is black with mud for some distance out. Many algeroba trees went down here and there about the city, owing to the saturated condition of the soil. At Fort De Russy several trees toppled over in this manner.

Lake Superior copper mines produced more than 25,000,000 pounds of refined copper during November.

Plans for an international fair in 1918 to celebrate the 200 anniversary of the founding of San Antonio, Tex., are under way.

The national convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles will be held at Savannah, Ga., July 31 to August 4, 1916.

NEWSBOYS OF THREE SIZES IN STAR-BULLETIN PRIZE CONTEST

Who is the best big newsboy, medium-sized newsboy, and small newsboy in Honolulu? To ascertain this the Star-Bulletin is now holding a newsboys' contest, with the youngsters grouped in three divisions, according to age, and on March 31 will give as prizes three bicycles and three complete outfits of boys' clothes.

Half a dozen races are represented in the contest, which is for the street sellers only, the youngsters who sell this paper every day on the streets, in trolley cars, at the wharves, and

E. A. COOPER IS BACK FROM TRIP TO SUNNY SOUTH

Finds Miami, Florida, Flourishing
With Rapidly-Growing
Fruit Trade

E. A. Cooper, former cost accountant with the Star-Bulletin business department, is back in Hawaii from an extensive mainland tour, which culminated when he went to Miami, Florida, and invested in some city real estate. He went through the coast, western and middle western states and then turned south to Florida. He describes Miami as a very live and hustling city with a rapidly expanding fruit trade which is making that whole section of the state prosperous.

While in Miami Cooper met Dr. E. V. Wilcox, former head of the federal agricultural experiment station work in the territory and now stationed at Washington, D. C. He had been in Havana, Cuba, on a vacation.

Cooper says that though Miami is flourishing, there is little employment there except in the building trades lines, but that buying and selling real estate provides business for about a hundred active real estate agents.

RESIGNATION OF CITY ENGINEER TO GET READING

Apropos of the sentiment developed in several caucuses of the supervisors lately to segregate the engineering and road departments, placing them under separate heads, the road committee yesterday afternoon decided to name Engineer L. M. Whitehouse as consulting engineer of the city to take charge of the large number of street improvement projects which are to be taken up in the coming year.

Whitehouse will today send in his resignation as city engineer to the mayor, and the communication will be read at tonight's meeting of the supervisors. C. M. Collins, Fred Oht and Chris Willis are each being talked of as possible appointees to fill the position of city engineer. All of these men are now regular engineers in the department.

Sam Kellinot, road statistician, will be given the position of road overseer, for a time at least, with the possibility that he will be appointed permanently if he fills the job satisfactorily. Vote Payrolls Tonight.

Besides the voting of payrolls very little work is scheduled ahead for tonight's meeting. A general pay day is to be held on December 31 to allow all employees to get some cash before the new year opens with its various celebrations about the city.

J. Morton Riggs, chairman of the committee on decorations for the Mid-Pacific Carnival, has asked the board for an appropriation of \$500 to help carry out the decoration scheme. His letter will be acted upon tonight.

A request for \$800 as a gift to the Associated Charities is also to be made tonight in the form of a letter to the supervisors. This is the amount given last year by the city for the work of the charity organization.

Tonight's meeting will witness the final reading of the resolution which provides that the mayor and clerk be given power to sign the lease of part of Kapiolani park with the Hawaiian Polo Association.

MEMPHIS MAKER OF UKULELES IS AFTER KOA WOOD

"Koa wood for ukuleles." That is the request that George Kaawa of Memphis, Tenn., sends to the Promotion Committee. Many ukuleles have been manufactured on the mainland with other woods, but Kaawa wants the real Hawaiian wood for his instruments.

In a letter to the committee, he states that he is an experienced ukulele manufacturer and wishes to receive the best prices on koa lumber for the manufacture of the Hawaiian instruments. According to A. P. Taylor of the Promotion Committee, many requests have been received for prices on this wood for the manufacture of musical instruments.

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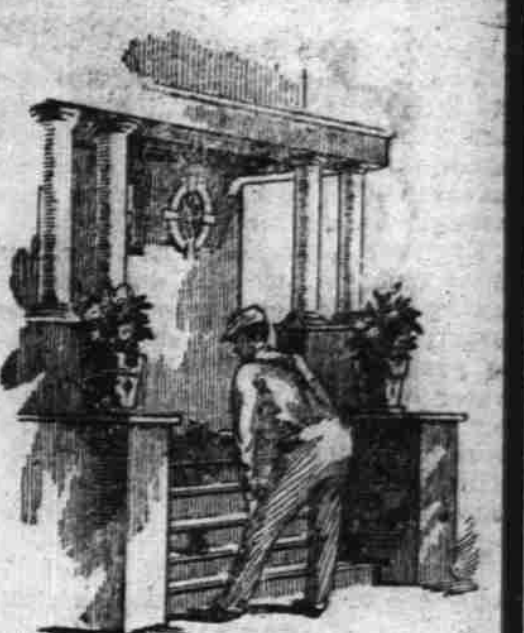
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